

VAN VLEET MEMORIAL DOCTORAL AWARD

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Eligibility:

- Entering doctoral students in one of these designated fields: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Biology, Chemistry, Geological Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Microbiology & Molecular Cell Sciences, Psychology, Biomedical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.
- First consideration will be given to students not currently or previously enrolled in the graduate program at The University of Memphis.
- Applicants do not need to be already admitted to the university to be eligible for nomination but they must be fully admitted and registered to receive the award.

Selection Process:

- Department chairs are asked to nominate potential candidates by submitting a Nomination Form to the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. Please include all required documentation. *[Please note that photocopies of all documentation are requested—not originals.]*
- Department chairs should include a cover memo ranking the applicants.
- Candidates will be selected by a committee composed of one representative from each eligible department.

Nomination Form:

- The form is available on the web http://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/ga_awards_fellowships/vanvleet.php or in the Graduate School, 215 Administration Building.

Condition:

- In order to continue the fellowship the recipient must maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

Deadline:

- **Deadline for recommendations to the Graduate School is February 12, 2010. All supporting documents (see “Documentation Required for Graduate Awards” Chart) are to be turned in to the Graduate School, 215 Administration Building. Applications should be turned in to the department or college EARLIER so the department/college can meet the Graduate School deadline.**